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In re Application of:

HIDEYUKI IKEGAMI, et al.

Application No.: 09/215,194

Filed: December 18, 1998

For: IMAGE FORMING
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METHOD FOR THE SAME

Examiner: T. Nguyen

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January 17, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2001, the period for response having been extended to January 17, 2002 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 17 and 24.

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